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SUBJECT: OSCILLOSCOPES: U.S. AND NETHERLANDS PROPOSALS FOR
ADMINISTRATIVE EXCEPTION-IL1584

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SUMMARY: DISCUSSION NOV 6 WAS INCONCLUSIVE, DUTCH MAINTAINING
THEIR RESERVE ON U.S. PROPOSAL. FRANCE AND JAPAN ACCEPTED
DUTCH COUNTERPROPOSAL. CENTRAL QUESTION WAS WHETHER AND
BY HOW MUCH BANDWIDTH OF MAINFRAME COULD EXCEED 100 MHZ IF
SYSTEM BANDWIDTH DID NOT EXCEED IT. MATTER IS RESCHEDULED
FOR NOV 27. END SUMMARY.

1. DISCUSSION NOV 6 REVEALED UNCERTAINTY OVER INTERPRETATION
OF U.S. PROPOSAL AND DUTCH COUNTERPROPOSAL. GERMAN DEL (WHO
ON OCT 9 HAD APPROVED U.S. PROPOSAL) CALLED ATTENTION TO OMISSION
FROM DUTCH FORMULA OF U.S. PROVISOR THAT "IN THE CASE OF SYSTEMS,
CHARACTERISTICS OF INDIVIDUAL PLUG-INS OR MAINFRAMES ARE
NOT IN EXCESS OF WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR OVERALL SYSTEM PERFORMANCE".
HE ASKED WHETHER THIS MEANT THAT DECISION WHETHER TO ACCORD
AN TREATMENT WOULD THEN DEPEND SOLELY ON SYSTEM BANDWIDTH.
NETHERLANDS EXPERT NIEUWLAND, WITHOUT ANSWERING THE QUESTION,
SAID THIS WAS EXACTLY THE POINT BOTHERING HIS AUTHORITIES.
DOES U.S. PROPOSAL MEAN PLUG-INS CAN EXCEED 100 MHZ? HE ASKED.

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2. AS DISCUSSION THEN DEVELOPED, CENTRAL QUESTION APPEARED TO BE WHETHER MAINFRAME ITSELF COULD EXCEED 100 MHZ AS LONG AS PLUG-INS LIMITED OVERALL SYSTEM TO 100 MHZ. UK EXPERT, ELABORATING ON THE POINT, OBSERVED THAT IN ORDER TO HAVE SYSTEM BANDWIDTH OF 100 MHZ WITH MAINFRAME OF 100 MHZ, PLUG-INS, PARTICULARLY AMPLIFIERS, WOULD HAVE TO HAVE BANDWIDTH FAR IN EXCESS OF THAT FIGURE. HIS INTERPRETATION OF PROVISIO OMITTED BY DUTCH TEXT WAS THAT IN ORDER TO BENEFIT FROM ADMINISTRATIVE EXCEPTION A SYSTEM MUST HAVE A REASONABLE COMBINATION OF ELEMENTS, FOR EXAMPLE, MAINFRAME OF 150 MHZ AND PLUG-INS OF 100 MHZ; WHEREAS MAINFRAME OF 500 MHZ COMBINED WITH PLUG -INS OF 100 MHZ COULD NOT BENEFIT FROM PROPOSED AND BECAUSE MAINFRAME EXCEEDED LEVEL NECESSARY FOR 100 MHZ SYSTEM. HE ASKED FOR CONFIRMATION THAT THIS UNDERSTANDING OF US PROPOSAL WAS CORRECT.

SEEM TO DUTCH AND UK QUERIES, USDEL ANSWERED THAT HE BELIEVED IT WAS CORRECT THAT PLUG-INS COULD EXCEED 100 MHZ, AS LONG AS SYSTEM BANDWIDTH DID NOT. HOWEVER, HE THOUGHT MAINFRAME WAS DEISIVE ELEMENT AND WONDERED WHETHER U.S. AUTHORITIES THEMSELVES WOULD BE WILLING TO GRANT AN TREATMENT TO MAINFRAMES SIGNIFICANTLY IN EXCESS OF 100 MHZ. HE PROMISED TO ASK HIS AUTHORITIES FOR CLARIFICATION OF THESE QUESTIONS. UKDEL INQUIRED WHAT WAS MEANT BY "SIGNIFICANTLY IN EXCESS."

4. SOME TIE WAS SPENT, ON FRENCH INITIATIVE, DISCUSSING WHETHER PROBES SHOULD BE TREATED UNDER ANOTHER ITEM, SINCE THEY COULD BE USED FOR VARIETY OF PURPOSES OTHER THAN WITH OSCILLOSCOPES. IT FINALLY DEVELOPED THAT FRENCH EQUIVALENT OF WORD "THEREFOR" HAD BEEN OMITTED FROM FRENCH TRANSLATION OF U.S. PROPOSAL AFTER WORD "PROBES". WE HOPE THIS DISPOSED OF THE PROBLEM.

5. TOUR OF TABLE RESULTED IN FOLLOWING ALIGNMENT: ON U.S. PROPOSAL, ALL DELS FAVOR IT EXCEPT DUTCH, WHO MAINTAINED RESERVE. ON DUTCH COUNTERPROPOSAL, IT WAS APPROVED BY FRANCE AND JAPAN; BELGUIM AND CANADA WILL FOLLOW MAJORITY; OTHER DELS RESERVED. DISCUSSION WILL E RESUMED ON NOV 27.

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6. ACTION REQUESTED: CONFIRMATION THAT UNDER U.S. PROPOSAL, EITHER MAINFRAME OR PLUG-INS CAN EXCEED 100 MHZ AS LONG AS SYSTEM DOES NOT EXCEED IT. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF DEPT COULD COMMENT EXPRESSLY ON UK EXPERT'S INTERPRETATION OF U.S. PROVISIO OMITTED FROM DUTCHCOUNTERPROPOSAL, WHICH SEEMED TO BE MOST LUCID EXPOSITION OF U.S. INTENT. IT SEEMS TO US THAT OUR CONFIRMATION THAT THIS INTERPRETATION IS CORRECT WILL GO FAR TO WIN DUTCH APPROVAL. CONVERSELY, IF IT IS NOT

CORRECT, OTHER DELS MAY TRANSFER SUPPORT TO DUTCH PROPOSAL
AND AGREEMENT MAY BE HARD TO REACH. REUEST INSTRUCTIONS
PROMPTLY SINCE IT MAY WELL BE POSSIBLE TO GET DUTCH TO LIFT
RESERVE ON U.S. PROPOSAL THROUGH BILATERAL CONTACT IN ADVANCE
OF SCHEDULED NOV 27 DISCUSSION.
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